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Description:

This brochure describes the variety of tools and techniques available to local governments to implement the region's long-range plan, Horizons 2025, prepared and adopted by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). The plan provides an integrated land use and transportation vision for the region's growth and development through the year 2025. Key policies of Horizons 2025 include:

- Revitalization of the region's core cities of Philadelphia, Camden, Trenton and Chester through maintenance and restoration of existing infrastructure systems, services, and capacity to support and attract new growth
- Stabilization of older townships, boroughs, and cities located throughout the region by maintaining or improving current infrastructure to support or enhance the social, economic, and physical character of these communities
- Growth Management of developing suburban communities by discouraging extensive growth and related infrastructure services and facilities outside designated growth areas and encouraging center-based planning and alternatives to conventional suburban design
- Preservation of farming and rural communities of the region by limiting the extension or development of major infrastructure systems in rural areas
- Conservation of sensitive natural areas and an open space network

Municipal governments have the primary authority and responsibility to implement these policies. This brochure is designed to introduce local officials and citizens to planning tools that may be useful in their communities.

The tools listed in this brochure are organized into several categories: Land Use, Economic Development, Natural Resource Preservation, Historic Preservation, Transportation, and Multi-Municipal Cooperation.

Tool descriptions include an overview of the use of the tool and an example of some of its benefits. Where appropriate, after the tool description, common local planning documents that will need to be amended or adopted are listed in italics.

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Title: Toward a Bright Future: Updating Sonoma County's General Plan

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http://www.greenbelt.org/downloads/resources/SonomaGP/report_sonoma_gp.pdf#

Description:

The first comprehensive analysis of the update process since it began, this report recommends how to update Sonoma County's General Plan to deal with the county's projected growth of 130,000 people by 2025. Report addresses five critical issues for the plan: (1) preserving open space and wildlife habitat, (2) protecting farmlands and keeping local agriculture viable, (3) managing water and wastewater, (4) providing affordable housing, (5) providing transportation that works.

Cover downloaded separately at http://www.greenbelt.org/downloads/resources/SonomaGP/report_gpcover.pdf

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Title: Land Use in America: The Report of the Sustainable Use of Land Project

Diamond

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

1/1/1996

Book

[#http://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=10#](http://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=10#)

Description:

Since World War II, rapid population and economic growth has transformed the American landscape. Efforts to improve land use have not kept pace with improvements on other environmental fronts, such as air and water quality and the recovery of certain endangered species. The authors analyze the issues and present a ten-point agenda to help America's communities accommodate future growth in more environmentally sound and fiscally responsible ways. This report of the sustainable use of Land Project also includes papers contributed by 12 leading figures in government, business, academia and the nongovernmental arena.

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Title: Managing Land as Ecosystem and Economy

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Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

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[#http://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=866#](http://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=866#)

Description:

Environmentalists and resource users have banded together behind the common goal, or at least the common slogan, of “sustainable development.” What are the economic, political and social costs of existing systems for conserving endangered species and wetlands? How would reform proposals for broad-scale habitat planning and mitigation reduce these costs? The report examines the fundamental questions of fairness and property rights, the “value” or relative benefits of natural systems and economic development, and balancing public participation with science to set policy priorities.

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Title: Planning for Sustainable Development: Measuring Progress in Plans

Berke

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

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<http://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=58#>

Description:

This study sets forth a set of six principles that define and operationalize the concept of sustainable development. Using these six principles, a sample of 30 comprehensive plans is evaluated to determine how well the policies of plans support sustainable development. Findings indicate no significant differences in how extensively sustainability principles are supported between plans that state an intention to integrate sustainable development and those that do not. In addition, plans do not provide balanced support of all six sustainability principles, as they support one principle significantly more than others.